

HOUSE BILL 912

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to offenses involving
animal cruelty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-212, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) "Aggravated cruelty" means conduct which tortures or maims an animal, including the failure to provide food and water to a companion animal resulting in a substantial risk of death or death, and which is accomplished in a manner that is:

(A) Depraved; or

(B) Sadistic.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.